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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 4 November 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

11 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Programme of work

Central African Republic (S/1997/828)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1997 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Opening of the Pledging Conference
2. Election of officers of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities
3. Statements regarding pledges (A/CONF.182/1, A/CONF.180/2 and Corr.1, E/1997/65/Add.4)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 44th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fourth annual report of the International Tribunal (A/52/375) [49].

2. University for Peace: draft resolution (A/52/L.10) [26].

Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157
(United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

3 p.m. 11th meeting (closed) Conference Room 4

Statement by the Secretary-General.

Consideration of the actions contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 14th meeting Conference Room 4

Exchange of views on agenda item 83 (Rationalization of work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee) (A/C.1/52/INF/1)

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 11th meeting Conference Room 3

1. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [85] (A/52/20; A/52/307)

2. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Monterrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, Tokelau, Turks and Caicos Islands and United States Virgin Islands: draft resolution (A/52/23 (Part VI), chap. X, para. 20)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Afternoon*-6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.10 (item 97 (i)); A/C.2/52/L.11 (item 97 (a)); and A/C.2/52/L.8 (item 95 (b))

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* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Second Committee.

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	28th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Panel discussion on "Financial and Development Issues in Emerging Markets" to be moderated by Mr. Rafeeuddin Ahmed, Associate Administrator of UNDP [The Panelists invited are: Mr. Ariel Buira, Member of the Board of Governors of the Banco Nacional of Mexico, Professor Linda Lim, Associate Professor of Business Administration and Director, Southeast Asia Business Program, University of Michigan, and Mr. Arjun Sengupta, Member of the Indian Planning Commission. This is the third in a series of keynote addresses and panel discussions for the Second Committee, organized, in part, with the support of the United Nations University.]

2. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [97]

   (c) Population and development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.15

   (d) International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.14

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [107] (A/52/12 and Add.1, A/52/273, A/52/274 and Corr.1, A/52/360, A/52/97, A/52/116-S/1997/37)

Continuation and conclusion of the general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Pattern of conferences [119] (A/52/32 and Add.1, A/51/946 and Corr.1 (Russian only), A/52/215 and Add.1, A/52/216 and Add.1, A/52/291, A/52/340 and Add.1 and A/C.5/52/CRP.1)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116] (A/52/6 (Vol. I), A/52/16 and Add.1 and A/52/7 (Chapter II, Parts II-IV))

   Political affairs (Part II section 2)
   Peacekeeping operations and special missions (Part II section 3)
   Peaceful uses of outer space (Part II section 4)

   International Court of Justice (Part III section 5)
   Legal affairs (Part III section 6)

   Policy coordination and sustainable development (Part IV section 7)
   Africa: New Agenda for Development (Part IV section 8)
   Economic and social information and policy analysis (Part IV section 9)
   Development support and management services (Part IV section 10)
   Trade and development (Part IV section 11A)
   International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (Part IV section 11B)
   Environment (Part IV section 12)
   Human settlements (Part IV section 13)
   Crime control (Part IV section 14)
   International drug control (Part IV section 15)

   General discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Pattern of conferences (A/52/32 and Add.1, A/51/946 and Corr.1 (Russian only), A/52/215 and Add.1, A/52/216 and Add.1, A/52/291, A/52/340 and Add.1 and A/C.5/52/CRP.1))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CHARTER PROVISIONS ON ASSISTANCE TO THIRD STATES AFFECTED BY THE APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-ninth session [147] (A/52/10)

SIXTH COMMITTEE

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the international criminal court

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* Following the adjournment of the 21st meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Intersessional meeting

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Budget matters of UNICEF

ANNOUNCEMENT

Copies of the revised non-paper prepared by the Secretariat on preparations for the forty-second session of the Commission on the Status of women are available for delegations at the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC 2-1216).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 4 November 1997

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on the implementation and follow-up of the World Summit for Social Development)

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND THE GROUP OF 77

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

CENTRAL AMERICAN GROUP

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 96 (a) and (b) and 95 (b))

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(Briefing by the Director of the United Nations Staff College Project of the ILO)

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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The meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* scheduled for *today*, 4 November 1997, has been postponed until Wednesday, 5 November 1997, at 11.15 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of the co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/52/L.27 on small arms *today*, 4 November 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 3 November 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 5 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m.	45th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [30]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/342 and Corr. 1 and Add. 1);

(b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.11).

3 p.m.	46th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	29th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 2
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 22nd meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal meetings

There will be a briefing by Ms. Angela King, Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, on the issue of "Gender mainstreaming: A Challenge to Business as Usual?" on Friday, 7 November 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

There will be a briefing by Mr. Hama Diallo, Executive Secretary of the Permanent Secretariat of the Convention on Desertification, on the results of the First Conference of the Parties on Desertification on Thursday, 6 November 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. A representative of the International Fund for Agricultural Development will also address the briefing. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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The Committee on Relations with the Host Country will meet on Wednesday, 5 November 1997, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows:

1. Question of privileges and immunities
2. Draft report of the Committee (A/AC.154/ 1997/CRP.2)
3. Other matters

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The 232nd meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Wednesday, 5 November 1997, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 11 November 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Thursday, 6 November 1997, at 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French language Workshop on the structure and drafting of the United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York on the following dates: Wednesday, 5 November 1997, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 6 November , from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent representatives on 20 October 1997. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

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Panel

A panel on "Consequences of and policy responses to below-replacement fertility", organized by the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in conjunction with its Expert Group Meeting on Below-Replacement Fertility, will be held on Thursday, 6 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room A. The panel will be comprised of Professor Antonio Golini of the University of Rome, Dr. Britta Hoem of Statistics Sweden, Dr. Zhenghua Jiang, Deputy Minister and Professor of the State Family Planning Commission of China, Dr. Elise Jones of Princeton University and Professor Sergei Zahkarov of the Russian Institute of Economic Forecasting, and will be moderated by Mr. Joseph Chamie, Director of the Population Division, DESA. Members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations, members of the press and staff members are invited to attend.

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Informal presentation

Mr. Richard Feachem, Director of the Health, Nutrition and Population Team, and Mr. Alex Preker, Principal Economist of the Human Development Department, will make an informal presentation on "World Bank Strategies for Human Development" on Wednesday, 12 November 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The presentation is organized by the World Bank. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations, agencies and the press are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 3 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

43rd plenary meeting

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)]

Since one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be filled, the General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a fifth round of balloting (first unrestricted ballot).

The results of the fifth round of balloting (first unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Peru	71
Saint Lucia	55
Guatemala	46

As none of these countries had obtained the required majority, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a sixth round of balloting (second unrestricted ballot).

Statements on a point of order were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda, Guatemala and Swaziland.

The results of the sixth round of balloting (second unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Peru	76
Saint Lucia	65
Guatemala	27

As none of these countries had obtained the required majority, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a seventh round of balloting (third unrestricted ballot).

The results of the seventh round of balloting (third unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Saint Lucia	89
Peru	78

The results of the seventh round of balloting (third unrestricted ballot) being still inconclusive, the President announced that, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, the Assembly would have to proceed to a series of restricted ballots.

The Assembly decided, on the proposal by the President, to postpone the balloting for the seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States to a later date to be announced.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 42nd plenary meeting of the General Assembly (see *Journal* No. 1997/212, p. 9): the following should be added to the summary of the meeting:

Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission: financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/547) [123 and 159]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/547) (resolution 52/8).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 123 and 159.

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/543) [133]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/52/543).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 133.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 13th meeting

Exchange of views on agenda item 83 (Rationalization of work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee) (A/C.1/52/INF/1)

A statement was made by the Chairman. Statements were also made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Canada.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 10th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [85]

The Chairman made an opening statement during the course of which he drew attention to the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, contained in document A/52/20, as well as the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/52/307.

The representative of India, Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, introduced the report of the Committee (A/52/20).

The Committee began its general debate and heard a statement by the representative of Luxembourg, who spoke on behalf of the European Union, as well as for the following associated countries: Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item today, at 6 p.m. the same day.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE 27th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97]

(g) Women in development

(h) Human resources development

The Committee began its consideration of the item and had before it the documents listed in the *Journal*.

Introductory statements were made by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, and the Principal Officer of the Social Development and Poverty Elimination Division of UNDP.

Statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union; Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus aligned themselves with this statement, as did Norway), the United States, the Russian Federation, China, Ghana, Slovakia, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Jamaica, Nepal, Israel, Colombia, Namibia (also on behalf of Angola, Botswana, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe), Egypt, Tunisia and Iraq.

Statements were made by the United Nations Development Fund for Women and the World Food Programme.

The representatives of Kuwait and Iraq made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 97 (g) and (h).

Sectoral policy questions [96]

(b) Business and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.13

The representative of the United States introduced the draft resolution.

THIRD COMMITTEE 23rd meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [107]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees made an introductory statement and responded to a statement made by the representative of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Japan, the United States, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Norway, Côte d'Ivoire, Venezuela, Botswana (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community) and Ethiopia.

A statement was also made by the observer for the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

24th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [102]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.11/Rev.1

The representative of Mongolia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Cuba, Denmark, India, Mauritania, the Republic of Korea and Venezuela, introduced the draft resolution.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [103]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.22

The representative of Kenya, on behalf of the Group of African States, introduced the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.23

The representative of Italy, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Argentina, Australia, Canada, France, Greece, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino and South Africa, introduced the draft resolution.

International drug control [104]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.14 and Corr.1

The representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Albania, Armenia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Georgia, Guyana, Haiti, Iceland, Israel, Monaco, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, San Marino, Singapore and Uzbekistan, introduced the draft resolution.

Advancement of women [105]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft proposals

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.18

The representative of Canada, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Fiji, Germany, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Mozambique, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Samoa, San Marino, Singapore, the Sudan, Swaziland, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United Republic of Tanzania, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.20/Rev.1

The representative of the Philippines, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Burkina Faso, France, Guatemala, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and Ukraine, introduced the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.21

The representative of the Netherlands, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Argentina, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cuba, Cyprus, Ethiopia, India, Japan, Monaco, Mozambique, Panama, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Swaziland and the United States, introduced the draft resolution.

Action on draft proposals

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.17

Israel joined in co-sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.19

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

Israel, Liberia, Malawi, Morocco, the Netherlands, Pakistan and Uruguay joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [107]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by representatives of the Sudan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Nigeria, Kyrgyzstan and Burundi.

The observer for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of work. The Committee agreed to postpone the opening of agenda items 110 and 111 to Thursday, 6 November. The deadline for submission of draft proposals for those items would be Friday, 7 November, at 6 p.m.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 19th meeting

Joint Inspection Unit [118]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item and heard a concluding statement by the Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit replied to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item and the Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would be held under the chairmanship of Prof. Erica-Irene Daes (Greece), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

The Controller responded to questions raised during previous meetings.

Overall policy-making, direction and coordination (Part I, section 1)

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Thailand, Cuba, Bangladesh, Pakistan and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of Part I, section 1, on overall policy-making, direction and coordination.

Political affairs (Part II, section 2); Peacekeeping (Part II, section 3); Outer space (Part II, section 4)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/7 (Chapter II, Part II).

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination also introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/16 and Add.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Romania, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Cyprus), Canada, Bangladesh, Paraguay (on behalf of the Rio Group), Norway, Thailand, the United States, the Islamic Republic of Iran, New Zealand, Cuba, Portugal, Hungary, the Syrian Arab Republic, Pakistan, China, India and Indonesia.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 20th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-ninth session [147]

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Malawi, Costa Rica, Cameroon, the Republic of Korea, Spain and Guatemala.

The Chairman of the International Law Commission, Professor Alain Pellet, introduced Chapter V of the Commission's report.

The Chairman made a statement.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Sixty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 1997

1636th (closed) meeting

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

1637th meeting

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee discussed various issues under this item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, concluded at Montego Bay, Jamaica, on 10 December 1982

Ratification: Portugal (3 November 1997)*

Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 28 July 1994

Ratification: Portugal (3 November 1997)*

Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 21 May 1997

Signature: Finland (31 October 1997)

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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